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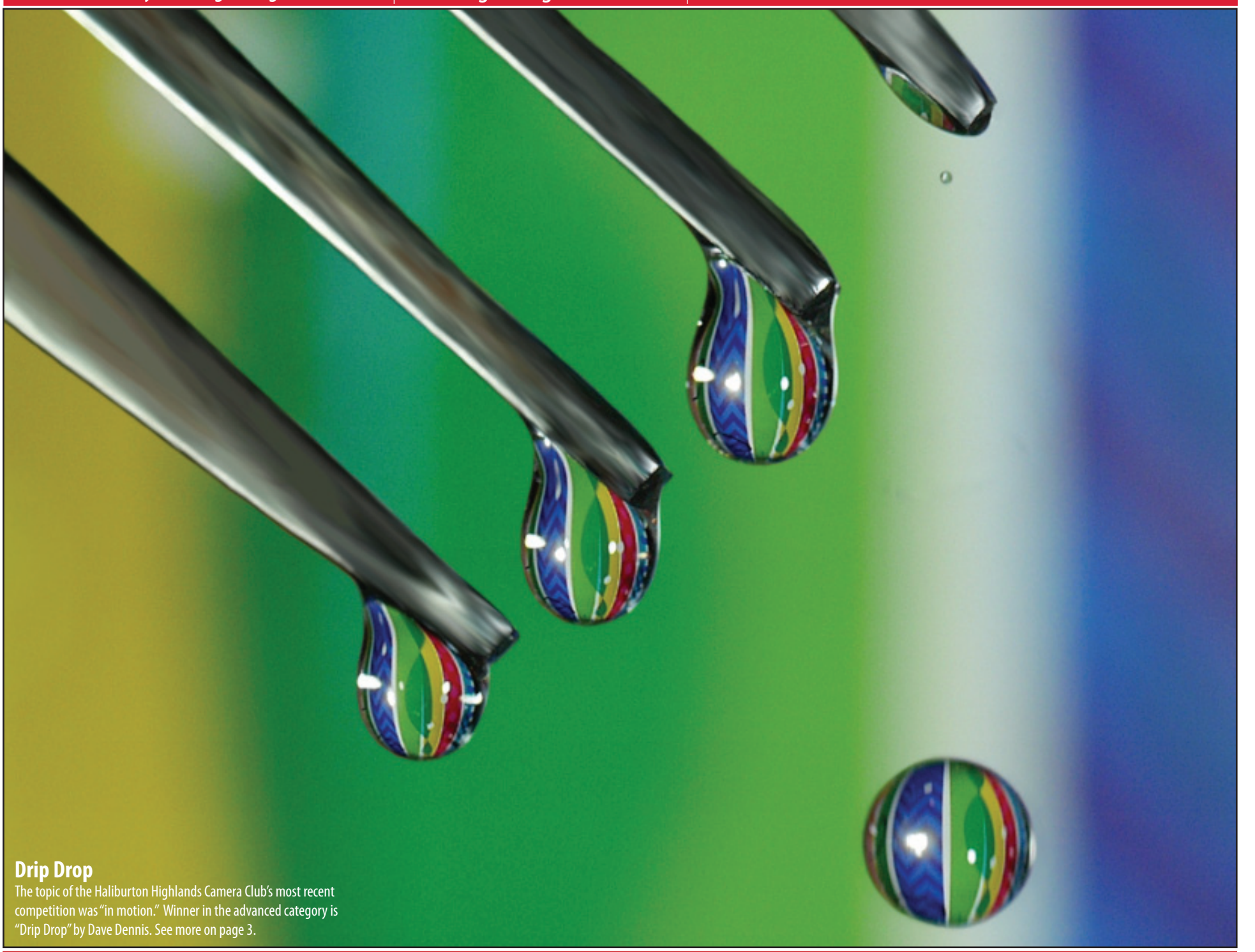

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Dogsled derby just around the corner

Event is a favourite among spectators and participants alike

The 2019 derby is only a short time away.

The event is part of the Ontario Federation of Sleddog Sports Triple Crown Race Series and draws competitors from Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States. Teams race the groomed, scenic course located right at Pinestone and can reach speeds of up to 30 km per hour.

Races start Saturday morning, Jan. 19, and run all day and then again on Sunday, Jan. 20, and is free for spectators of all ages. Teams leave the starting gate every two minutes so the action is nonstop. For those who have never watched a dogsled race before, it's exhilarating and loud! With dogs lunging, howling and barking to get the races started and leaving the chute reaching speeds of 30km/h, there is lots of action going on.

In addition to the competitive eight dog class, the event also features fan favourites like skijoring, youth, novice and the always entertaining kid and mutt classes.

Saturday evening you can dance, sing and celebrate the sounds of Creedence Clearwater Revival played by Bootleg CCR in the Grand Ballroom. A limited number of tickets are available for this event. Advance tickets are $15. $20 at the door.

The races and all events happen at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre, five minutes west of the village of Haliburton on County Road 21. This year, Pinestone will be offering their new smokehouse menu on the pond side patio so you can grab a beverage and something to eat while not missing the action. HalibooTV will also be live streaming the event on the Amazing Agency website so you can watch from anywhere.

Spectactors including snowmobilers who stopped in for a visit at the annual Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby last year cheered with encouragement as participants in the kid and mutt race made their way down the track. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

If you are planning to attend the event, bring a camera to capture all the action. As well, please do not bring pets to the event to avoid distracting the dog teams. For further information about the event and schedules, visit www.haliburtondogsledderby.com.

Pinestone Resort offers special weekend packages for attendees and race participants. For more information, please visit www.pinestone-resort.com.

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Ode to a new year

May old acquaintance be forgot…
Hard realities rise together this time of year
… and glom to the walls of our heart
We are reminded of regrets and damage
Etched into our vessel walls
Never forgotten, never really forgiven, but carried wherever we go…
Sinking us to the bottom of the pond
Down, down, down into the mud, the muck, the mire
Hibernating like frogs
Only rising to the surface as the waters warm in Spring… our collective baggage
Choices were made that we have no way of knowing whether for better or worse at the time…

Look into the microscope of this past year
What is real now, what do you want for this year, what has real meaning for you
What have you learned, what makes your heart sing, what makes your heart ache, what gives you real joy
Only to live each day with the hope for better days ahead
And they will come… of that I am certain
A wee bit better health, a wee bit better life
A surprise that brings unexpected joy from a source never considered

To be human is to dream of rewarding moments
We only need to pay close attention and see them as loving gifts
Coming to hearts in need of being seen, acknowledged and loved for who you are

We are saved only by the skin of our shiny-shin-shins.
Can we shed these slimy skins and start anew
And live a life lived fully in Gratitude?

Lee Gauthier is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle, see http://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com.

Photographers capture motion in competition

The topic of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's most recent competition was "in motion." The top photos by experience level: advanced, "Drip Drop" by Dave Dennis, see front; intermediate, left, "Flash" by Larry Murphy; and novice, above, "go!" by Brian Mould.

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. Next meeting is Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. See the website at highlandscameraclub.ca for details.

Barry Devolin launches travel planning company

Former MP Barry Devolin has launched TravelMaven, a new tour and travel planning company and will host a TravelMaven Information Night at the United Church in Haliburton on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

"After spending much of my adult life in politics, government and academia, I will now focus on my life-long passion for travel," said Devolin. "I've travelled my whole life, and have developed my own travel style that I'd like to share with others."

Devolin says TravelMaven tours will be characterized by several features. First, they will be small groups (max 15 people), because he believes smaller groups are more time efficient and unobtrusive than larger groups. Second, these tours will involve lots of walking. Devolin believes the best way to see a place, especially great cities, is on foot.

Most tours will be for one week, will include one direct flight, and will be based in one hotel. This minimizes time spent moving around and packing/unpacking. Tours to more distant destinations may be two weeks long, or utilize two hotels.

Devolin has already planned three trips for 2019: Paris - Springtime; Holland - Tulip Time; and Bavaria - Christmas Markets. A fourth trip in October will be announced soon. New destinations for 2020 are likely to include South Africa, Hong Kong and Seoul.

Devolin is also available for personalized travel planning. His specialty is longer, more complex trips, such as several months in Europe or Southeast Asia, or even year-long trips around the world. These plans will be offered on a fee-for-service basis.

"I believe that amazing and rewarding travel does not have to be crazy expensive. There are great options at every price point, especially if people are flexible with time and destinations," says Devolin. "For example, a week in Prague costs half what a similar week in Vienna would cost."

Devolin was the Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock from 2004 to 2015. After living in South Korea for two years, in early 2018 he returned to his hometown of Haliburton with his wife Ursula and children George and Molly.

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Kinmount opens food bank

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

In a display of perfect timing, on Dec. 11 as Heather Kirby of Kawartha Lakes Food Source was thanking representatives of the Minden Food Centre, the Kinmount Baptist Church, and numerous volunteers who collaborated together to open a new Kinmount and Area Food Bank, they were interrupted as a load of very welcome donations was dropped off at the front door.

"We're very excited today to celebrate the community's support that has come together to offer this food bank," said Kirby. "Although we don't want to celebrate the need that shows that there's individuals out there that just sometimes don't have enough, but what we want to celebrate is how the community [made it happen]."

The food bank, located at the Baptist Church at 4937 Monck Road, opened Dec. 13 and allows residents of Kinmount and surrounding rural communities access to closer support – the distance to the nearest food bank is currently over 20 kilometres away. It will operate two Thursdays of each month and welcomes community members as volunteers to help make food more accessible in the area.

"In the past this community has never had a food bank and it makes it very challenging for individuals in need to access food, having to travel to different food banks in different areas," said Kirby. "Transportation is a challenge, sometimes you can't afford a car, sometimes you can't afford gas for your car, or insurance or to have it maintained, and that's the largest barrier in the rural area within the City of Kawartha Lakes."

The Kinmount and Area Food Bank offers a shopping-style food bank, enabling users to choose their own food and grocery options rather than be given a box of food that might not be their preference or suit their dietary needs. Kirby said best food bank practices focus on providing client choice and dignity to reduce stigma related to food insecurity.

Funding from Food Banks Canada and Enterprise Holding Foundation was used to initiate the food bank. The Kinmount and Area Food Bank will receive food on a monthly fair share basis from a distribution centre in Lindsay and welcomes donations from the community to help fill the shelves.

The work of volunteers Julie Wilkin and Grace McDonald in bringing the food bank to the area was especially noted.

For more information on how to help or access the food bank, please contact the Kinmount and Area Food Bank at kinmountfoodbank@gmail.com. For emergency assistance, call 705-455-3060.

The red pen

Young teacher marks alone at desk
An oak one, long in room
And studies errors, some grotesque
Her red pen leaking doom

As Monday stories, one by one,
Tell thirty different dreams
In trembling cursive kids have tried
Their hands at writing themes

But proper 'Qs', apostrophes, contractions, matching plurals,
Possessives, upper cases, tense
All work on advanced neurals

For ten-year-olds this isn't always
Easy second nature
Best teachers walk among the desks
Without strict legislature

And model word-love passionately
Inform with reverence
The mysteries in language
The wonders of each sense

How words play just like music
How stories are fine art
Whose paintings open giant worlds
Inside a grammar chart

So red pen hides a paintbrush
It newly praises thought,
And scope and plain emotion
The fireflies we caught

Then let go with a softness
With safety, then a highway
'WELL DONE!', is scrawled instead of 'FIX!!!!'
('You needn't do it my way'...)

Next lessons will be wherewithal
To rhyme ideas together
We'll pencil-tweak misspellings
Feel lighter than a feather

Then read aloud in patient turn
New thirty verses scribbled
We'll use the extra fun of rhyme
To taste the sky we've nibbled

And maybe, yes, just maybe next
We'll pencil notes on papers
Then pull out classroom keyboard to
Make musical skyscrapers

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And choruses repeated
For Grade 5 choirs to shout the joy
Red pen might have defeated

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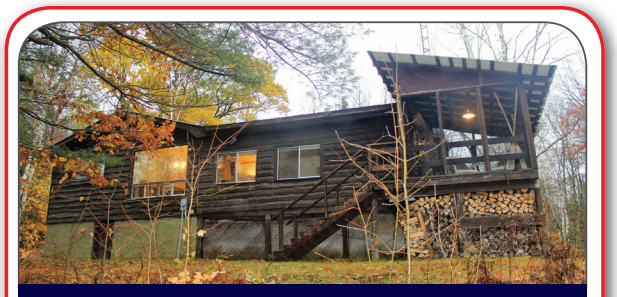

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Statistics Canada's chief statistician names top stories of 2018

2018 was an action-packed year in the world of data. We explored many newsworthy topics this year and published 1,221 releases in The Daily.

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Did you miss any of the highlights? Here are the chief statistician's top 10 picks for 2018:

10. Starting off our Top 10 List for 2018 is infrastructure and Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey. The survey revealed Canada's road network is long enough to circle the Earth's equator more than 19 times. Six releases from the survey provided updated information from across the country on roads, bridges and tunnels, public transit, wastewater and solid waste assets and more.

9. Number nine on our list is growth in GDP and wealth. Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 2.0% in the third quarter. The level or value of annualized GDP is $2,242,096,000,000 or $2.2 trillion.

In the third quarter, the national net worth of Canadians rose to over $11.4 trillion, but credit market debt also rose. Households had $1.78 in credit market debt for every dollar of disposable income.

8. Clocking in at number eight on our list is population growth. Canada's population is growing fast, buoyed by strong immigration levels. The country's population growth rate in the third quarter of 2018 was 0.5%, an increase rarely seen in past quarters. The population reached 37,242,571 on Oct. 1 – an increase of 183,715 since July 1, 2018, and the largest increase in number since July 1971. British Columbia's population now exceeds five million persons. This year we also released our Population Clock: a real-time simulation of population changes.

7. Number seven on the list includes important findings on Aboriginal People in Canada, from the Aboriginal People's Survey. First Nations people living off reserve who were planning to look for work in the next 12 months considered education (28%) and skills training (25%) would be the most helpful to attaining employment. One in seven (14%) Métis reported being self-employed, and of those, 43% owned an incorporated business and 32% had hired employees. One fifth (20%) of Inuit in Inuit Nunangat reported doing harvesting and crafting activities for income or to supplement their income. These activities include hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering wild plants, making clothing or footwear and making jewellery, carvings or other artwork.

6. At number six, international trade was on everyone's radar in 2018, including Statistics Canada's. In 2018, we released an expanded set of international trade statistics and, for the first time, estimates of monthly trade in services. The most recent data at the end of 2018 show the estimated monthly deficit in international trade in services narrowed by $0.3 billion to $1.8 billion. We also developed the Canada and the World Statistics Hub – a one-stop-shop for data products for 11 of Canada's most important trade partners.

5. Number five on the list marks another high-profile topic from 2018 – health statistics. A survey of Canadians living with disabilities, informed us that 6.2 million Canadians aged 15 years and over had one or more disabilities that limited them in their daily activities. Statistics Canada provided information on other pressing health-related topics, including new data and analysis on opioids, obesity, live births by place of residence of mother, and Canadians living with disabilities.

4. Building up to number four, a key topic in 2018 was housing. The Canadian Housing Statistics Program sparked interest from Canadian developers and homeowners with the release of new statistics on foreign ownership: 2.2% for Ontario, 3.8% for British Columbia and 3.9% for Nova Scotia. The new Canadian Housing Survey, which focuses on topics like affordable housing, also launched collection in 2018.

3. Number three on our list is justice – a topic often top-of-mind for Canadians. We released data that highlighted an increase in the number of hate crimes at a high 2,073 in 2017 – an increase of 47%, and new data on unfounded criminal incidents (addressing an important information need in the #MeToo era). We tracked an increase in the homicide rate that showed an increase in the number of gang-related homicides.

2. Canada's job numbers rank number two on our 2018 list. The big story was Canada's lowest unemployment rate in 40 years at 5.6%, but even regular statistical and analytical releases uncovered many interesting trends, including changes to wages, specifically by occupation. Statistics Canada also explored the labour force participation of women and provided new insights on the gender wage gap and women's entrepreneurship.

1. And finally, number one for 2018 is cannabis. In time for cannabis legalization in October, Statistics Canada was ready to release new information on the impacts on the economy, health and justice systems. The agency stayed ahead of the curve by creating the Cannabis Stats Hub to provide a one-stop shop for new information on cannabis and to measure the impacts of legalization. The new National Cannabis Survey found that Quebec had the lowest rate of cannabis use among provinces. And according to the last Cannabis Economic Accounts, Canadians spent $5.9 billion (expressed at annual rates in nominal terms) on cannabis products in the third quarter of 2018. Of this, 83.9% or $4.9 billion was purchased illegally for non-medical use. Related releases on topics such as municipal wastewater testing to measure consumption and crowd sourcing statistics on cannabis pricing also garnered significant interest.

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Top 10 reasons to build a huge wall of snow

NOW THAT winter is here, people are looking for new ways to be active. Some choose to snowshoe. Some will resort to ice fishing. Others will ski, take up winter camping or explore the trails on snowmobiles.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

The point is, winter is a time when anything goes. If you decide, for some reason, to build a huge wall of snow, here are 10 solid reasons to explain why.

1. It's less frustrating than an igloo.
2. I've got this painting that needs to hang somewhere.
3. To save on racquetball costs
4. A sudden interest in pole vaulting
5. To quickly detect any basketball player who walks by on the other side.
6. To hide the fact that you enjoy dressing your snowman a little too much.
7. When you need to bang your head against a wall, snow is softer.
8. To slow traffic down.
9. White Walkers.
10. The Mexicans will probably pay for it.

Snow-capped mushrooms./ LAURA SMITH Staff

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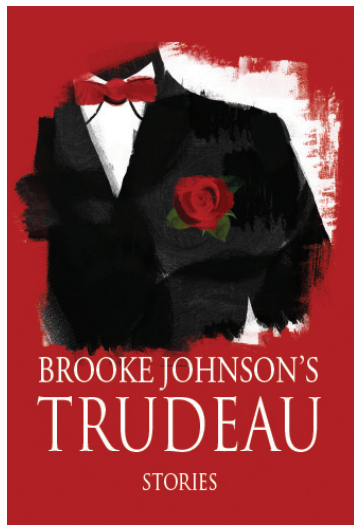

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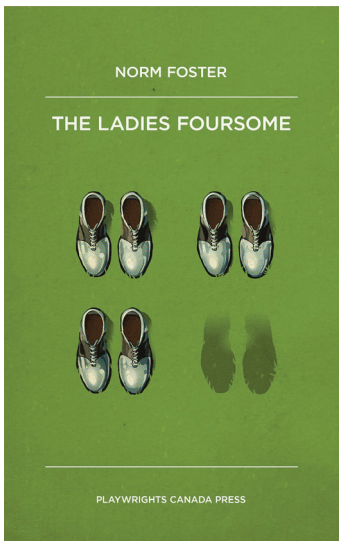

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By Norm Foster
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Upcoming Events

The Highland Trio
When: Saturday, Jan. 12, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. There will be no diners offered at these events
www.haliburtonlegion.com/

Minden District Fur Harvesters annual Winter Workshop
When: Sunday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre
See fur handling demos, door prizes and so much more.
Admission $2 for adults, 12 & under free
Non perishable food items also gratefully accepted for the local food bank.

The Canadian Federation Of University Women (Cfuw) Haliburton Highlands
All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.
When: Thursday Jan. 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Public Library and the Ethel Curry Gallery
Who: Wayne Hooks
Topic: Ethel Curry – The Artist and the Gallery
Cost: Free

James Mitchell, Speaker & Author – "A little Piece of Paradise: The history of Canning Lake"
When: Thursday, Jan. 17
Where: Minden library, Rotary Room, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
Presented by Haliburton Writers and Editors' Network
Call K. 705-28-6635 or kathleenmillard61@Sympatico.ca to register.
For more information: www.haliburtonwriters.ca

Haliburton County Fair Annual General Meeting (Luncheon)
When: Jan. 19, 12 to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden United Church Lower Level
Nominations and Election of new Board of Directors for 2019/2020 following lunch.
Everyone welcome.
For more information please contact Eric Casper at 705-455-7997

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Recurring Events

Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle
Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Pickleball
When: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Starts Sept 11th.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is $2
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator,
705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
At the Kinmount Legion

Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
Doors open at 6:45 and bingo starts at 7:30
Regular euchre night every week on Thursday night starting at 7 p.m.
The new community centre is also air conditioned.

Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the third Saturday of every month.

Youth Program
Minden has a Youth Program! Students in Grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8 p.m.
Everyone welcome! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth.
Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.
Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group
Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Abbey Retreat Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Please contact community support services 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting includes speakers holding trunk shows of their work, often covering new and interesting quilt and sewing techniques. Our group consists of quilters at all levels, who enjoy sharing and learning from each other. Check out our Facebook page or our web site: Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com
Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 or haliburtonquilts@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios
Time: Every Tuesday 1 to 4 p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi
Carnarvon: Zion United Church
Tuesday: 10 a.m. to noon
Friday: 10 a.m. to noon
Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre
Wednesday: 2 to 4 p.m.
Haliburton: United Church
Monday: 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Health Recovery: Monday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Bid Euchre
When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp! If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!
Monday Bid Euchre
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
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Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar throught Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
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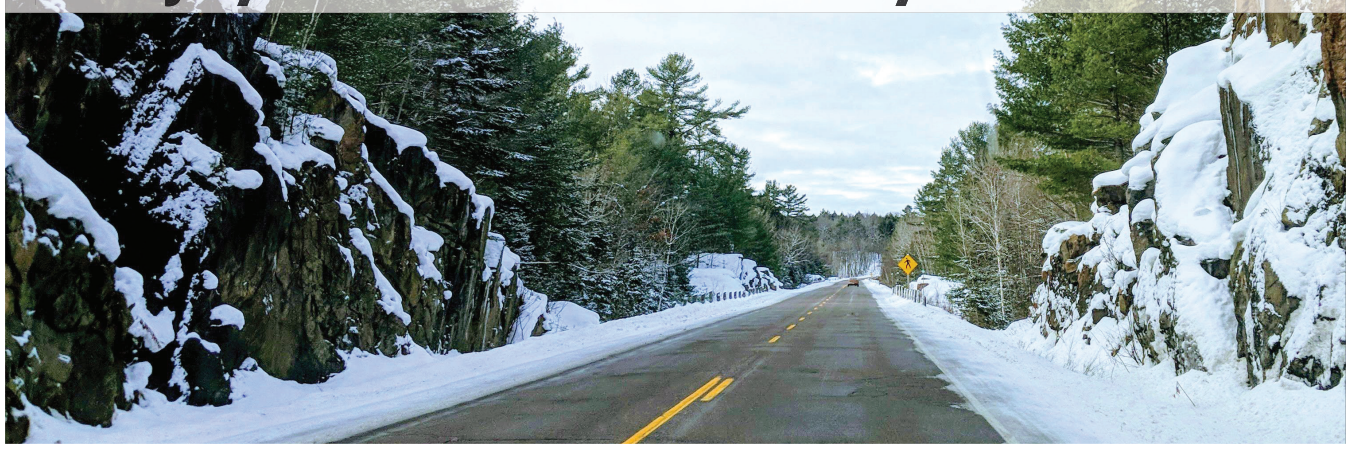

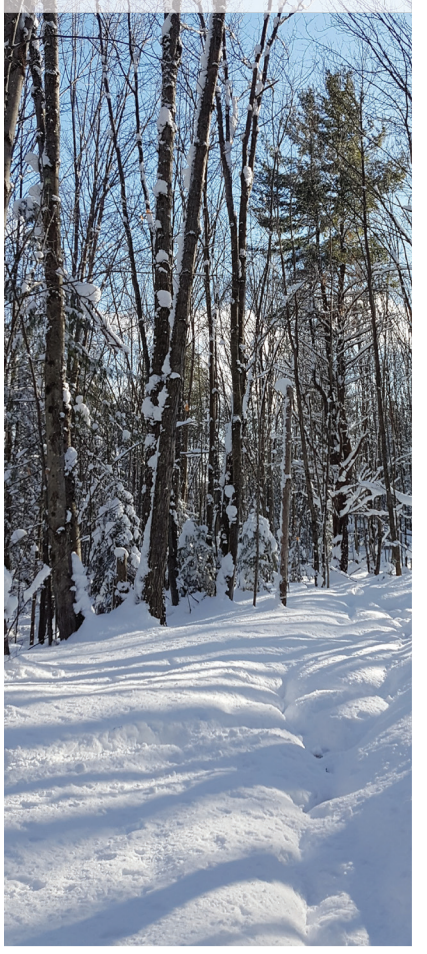

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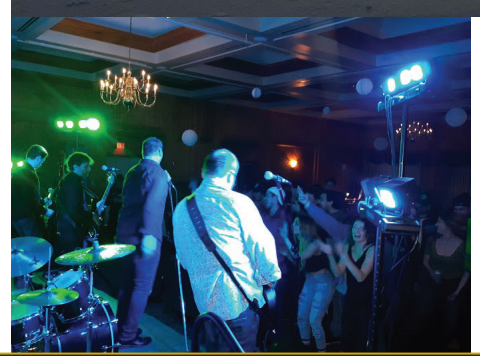

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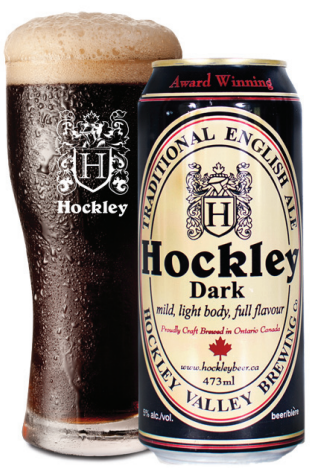

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Early visit

Barely six weeks old and already Quentin O'Connell has established a rapport with Santa Claus, although the conversation at this point may be a little one sided. Quentin and the Jolly Old Man from the North Pole met Wednesday evening during the open house and Light the Trees celebration at the Haliburton Hospital. Santa may be on hand this Wednesday as well when the Minden Health Centre hosts its ceremonial lighting of the trees and open house.

S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Former reeve remembered as arena is named in his honour

The arena in Minden now bears the name of S.G. (Sinc) Nesbitt. The arena was dedicated to the memory of Sinc Nesbitt at a special ceremony on December 3, with the unveiling of the lettering on the side of the building.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said the council "wanted the community to remember Sinc in a permanent way so that, over the generations, people will be constantly reminded that this man was someone very special to our life in Haliburton County."

"In contemplating a suitable tribute, council and staff asked ourselves, 'what was most special to Sinc?' We remembered many conversations across the council table that made it clear Sinc cared so much about young people and he had a particular way of showing it in our community — through his commitment to youth activities and, in particular, through hockey," Anthon said. "In fact, our MPP Chris Hodgson said he knew Sinc through the hockey arena earlier than he ever knew him through the political arena."

Anthon noted that Nesbitt spent many hours at the Minden arena, watching all levels of competition, "from men's league games to toddlers making their first shaky attempts on the ice."

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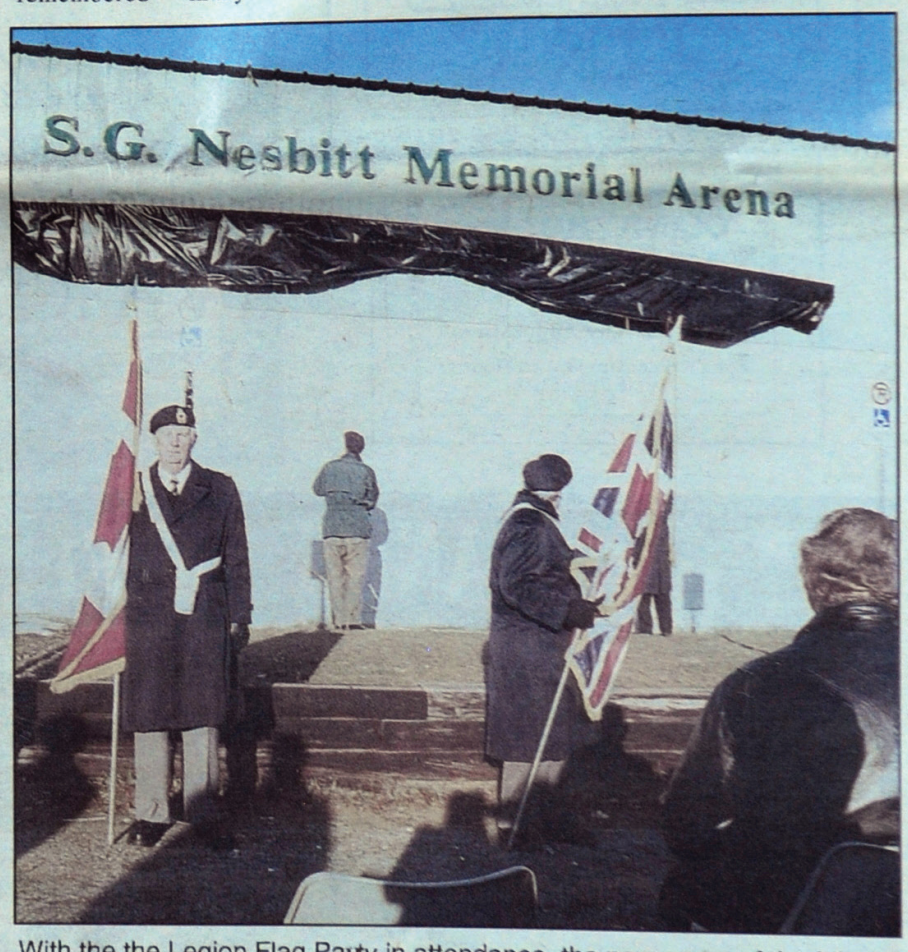

With the the Legion Flag Party in attendance, the new name of the Minden arena was unveiled Sunday afternoon. The facility will now be known as the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, in memory of former reeve Sinclair Nesbitt.

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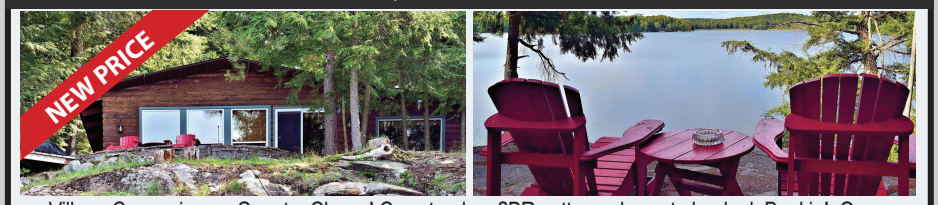

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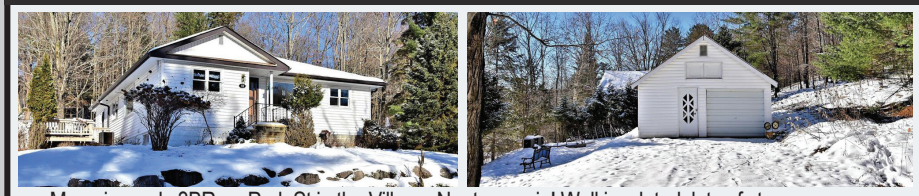

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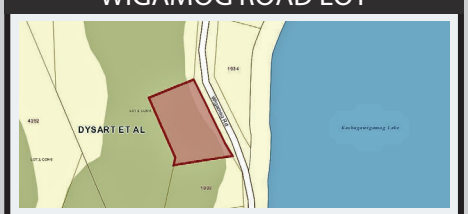

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